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1. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE

ION PATAN ACKNOWLEDGED IN MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR MARCH 16 THAT ARAB BOYCOTT WAS NOW HAVING A MORE SERIOUS EFFECT ON ROMANIAN TRADE IN MIDDLE EAST EVEN THOUGH THE IMPACT WAS UNEVEN. ALL ROMANIAN EXPORTS OF CHEMICAL PRODUCTS, THE PRODUCT LINE OF MECANOEXPORT (RAILWAY LOCOMOTIVES, ROLLING STOCK, CONSTRUCTION, MATERIALS HANDLING, AND OTHER MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT), AND SOME OTHER FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATIONS WERE SUBJECT TO BOYCOTT. PATAN FOUND THIS PROBLEM BOTH DELICATE AND AWKWARD, AS WELL AS FRUSTRATING SINCE GOR OFTEN GOT THE RUNAROUND BEING PASSED BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN BOYCOTT OFFICE AND INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS. EFFECT ON BILATERAL TRADE WAS ALSO UNEVEN: IRAQIS WERE THE TOUGHEST, EGYPTIANS RELATIVELY UNCONCERNED; LIBYA VARIED GREATLY--SOMETIMES ENFORCING, SOMETIMES IGNORING BOYCOTT.

2. PATAN SAID THAT ROMANIA "WOULD NOT RENEW ITS CONTRACT" TO USE THE TRANS-ISRAELI PIPELINE, BUT THEN SAID THIS WAS NOT THE SAME AS REFUSING TO USE IT. (HE ADDED ISRAELIS INDICATED THEY UNDERSTAND ROMANIAN POSITION). HE ALSO ALLOWED THAT DISTINCTION WAS VERY SUBTLE, CONFIRMING IMPRESSION THAT ROMANIAN POLICY APPROACHES ARAB BOYCOTT IN FLEXIBLE, CASE-BY-CASE MANNER, SO AS TO MINIMIZE DAMAGE TO POTENTIAL EXPORTS AND TO BILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH ISRAEL AS WELL AS ARAB STATES.  
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